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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Michel MANARAS et al.

For : Override Device for Allowing Manual Operation of a Closure  
Normally Operated By an Electric Motor

Filed : July 8, 1994

Serial No.: 08/272,002

Allowed: January 2, 1997

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Sir:

This follows our payment of the Base Issue Fee on April 2, 1997 in the above application, as well as our subsequent Status Inquiries.

To date, we have still not received the U.S. Letters Patent for the above application. In the above application, the Base Issue Fee was due by April 2, 1997 and was timely paid on that same date. To support this, we include a copy of our file copies (i.e. unsigned) of our cover letter of April 1, 1997 and of its annexes Form PTOL-85B, the Amendment After Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.312, and the front page of the Certified Copy of priority Canadian Application No. 2,112,350, all filed in the USPTO on April 2, 1997. We also include copies of both sides of our cashed cheque No. 4258 (also submitted on April 2, 1997) in the amount of \$645.00 which shows that it was received and cashed by the USPTO. We further enclose a copy of our firm's post card confirming the timely receipt of these documents by the USPTO on April 2, 1997.

Although we have not received any confirmation that the priority claim has been entered in the above application, we know that the Patent Office received on April 2, 1997 our correspondence of April 1, 1997 as we have since received a Patent Office Communication dated January 23, 1998 indicating that the Amendment After Allowance which we submitted simultaneously with the payment of the Base Issue Fee

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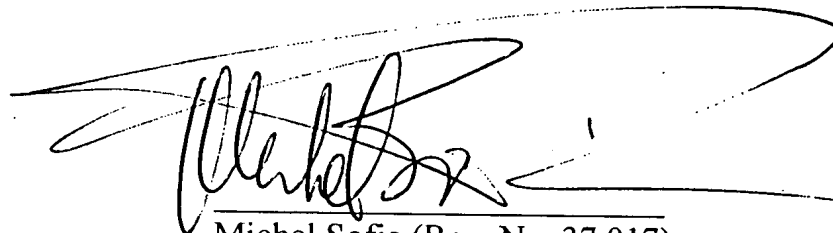
had been entered. For the Patent Office's convenience, we enclose a copy of the Office Communication of January 23, 1998.

As the USPTO has acknowledged and entered our Amendment After Allowance filed on April 2, 1997 and as the USPTO has received and cashed our cheque No. 4528 covering the Base Issue Fee also filed on April 2, 1997, we conclude that the Certified Copy of Canadian Patent Application No. 2,112,350 has been received and that priority thereon has been based and completed in the present U.S. Application under 35 USC § 119.

Accordingly, we would appreciate receiving the Letters Patent as soon as possible. If the Patent has been granted but has not been received by the undersigned Agent of Record, a new copy thereof is respectfully requested.

In the event that anything further is required in this file, the Office is respectfully requested to immediately contact the undersigned. If not, the Letters Patent is again anticipated in the short future.

Respectfully,

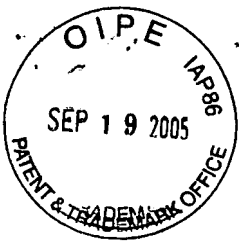
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Docket No.: 10459-9"US"MJS/sm  
Applicant: Manaras et al  
Ser. No.: 08/272,002  
Filing Date: 07/08/1994  
Title: OVERRIDE DEVICE FOR ALLOWING MANUAL  
OPERATION OF A CLOSURE NORMALLY OPERATED  
BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the following:

1. PETITION TO WITHDRAW A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181 with attached Exhibits A thru H.
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